



stand up for libraries

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the President

Spring Workshop: The Greensboro College Library outdid itself with its hospitality for over one hundred members of NCLA who attended the Spring Workshop. Our special thanks to Dr. William Mott, library director, and Mrs. Euthena Newmon. The weather was perfect, the facilities convenient, the food good, and the meetings productive. The new committees began their plans for the biennium (their terms run spring 1984-spring 1986) and preliminary reports were given at the final NCLA Assembly which was held Saturday after lunch. It is an exciting time and proves once again that NCLA is the "place to be."

Legislative Day: April 10 found seventeen NCLAs trooping the halls of Congress, putting in a good word for library legislation on the national level. The trek was ably planned by Louise Boone, and she was joined by Artemis Kares, Nancy Massey, Pauline Myrick, Benjamin Speller, Ariel Stephens, Jerry Thrasher, Judith Sutton, William Bridgman, Judie Davie, Henry Hall, J.A. Killian, Leland Park, Kieth Wright, Beverly Gass, David McKay, and Jane Williams. Everyone who participated in an ALA Legislative Day is impressed with the experience of being a part of the democratic process, "standing up for libraries" to those whom we have elected to represent us. And it pays off, too. At times when funding for library services comes under the most difficult attack, the Legislative Days have often helped save the day. Our thanks to Louise Boone and this group for representing us.

Elections: Now that the primaries are over and the candidates for the general election are chosen, remember to take any opportunity possible to "stand up for libraries" to the individual candidates. This is a crucial election for libraries in this state. The Executive Board passed a policy delineating the circumstances under which library-related groups and political candidates may pur-

chase mailing labels of our members. This can be an opportunity for the candidates to communicate directly with two thousand librarians. It also can be an opportunity for librarians to "encourage" candidates to "stand up for libraries." If you know of any candidates who want to purchase the labels, ask them to write to me on their letterhead stationery, and I'll give them the needed information.

Governor's Commission: Just as lobbying on the national level can pay off, so can it on the state level. NCLA was invited to have representation on the Advisory Panel of the Governor's Commission on Education for Economic Growth through the alterness of members of our association. The Reference and Adult Services Section presented a program at the conference in Winston-Salem based on the *NC 2000 Report* and reflecting state and national interest in curriculum reform. Also, RASS passed a resolution which was subsequently passed by the entire association asking Governor Hunt to involve librarians in curriculum reform in North Carolina. Following that, Ilene Nelson, chairperson of the 1983 RASS Program Committee, telephoned the director of the commission and asked him how librarians might become actively involved in the commission's work. An invitation was forthcoming shortly, representatives appointed, and the rest is history. NCLA had and has a role to play. And RASS is due much thanks for "Standing Up for Libraries."

Spring will have "sprung" and summer will be upon us when you read this. It has been a good year so far, and I hope for each of you a time of relaxation and reflection this summer. Have a good one.

Next Executive Board Meeting: July 20, 1984, High Point, NC.

Leland M. Park, President

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